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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3645

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN, DR

SUBJ: CURRENCY USE PAYMENT PROVISION OF PL 480 AGREEMENT -

DATED JUNE 12, 1973

A) STATE 87144; B) SD 1822

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL (A) EMBOFFS ONCE AGAIN VISITED PEDRO MEJIA OF NATIONAL BUDGET OFFICE TO DISCUSS CUP AND OTHER PL 480 MATTERS. EMBOFFS ALSO SPOKE WITH BUDGET SUB-DIRECTOR LUIS DEL VILLAR. EMBOFFS WERE TOLD TO EXPECT RESPONSE ON CUP PAYMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. DURING THIS VISIT BUDGET OFFICIALS SHOWED EMBOFFS A LETTER FROM FINANCE SECRETARY CARLOS SELIMAN ASKING FOR CUP PAYMENT.

2. THE SELIMAN LETTER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN THE RESULT OF A LETTER WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD SENT SELIMAN ON DECEMBER 2, 1974, REQUESTING CUP PAYMENT OF DOLS 244,424.30 ON DISBURSEMENT BY CCC OF DOLS 4,888,486.09 UNDER THE PL 480 AGREEMENT OF JUNE 12, 1973.

3. EMBOFFS BECAME CONVINCED WHEN VISITING MEJIA IN JANUARY THAT HIS OFFICE WAS ONLY GEARED UP TO MAKE FOREIGN EXCHANGE PAYMENTS UNDER PL 480, AND DID NOT UNDERSTAND EITHER CUP OR WHAT SHOULD BE EASIER ARRANGEMENT FOR GODR OF MAKING PAYMENTS IN LOCAL CURRENCY.

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4. IN EFFORT TO REDUCE CUP AND OTHER PL 480 ARREARAGES, EMBASSY

IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH NATIONAL BUDGET OFFICE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE BOOKKEEPING OF WASHINGTON AND GODR AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL B AND PREVIOUS CABLES.

5. IN ANOTHER FOLLOW-UP SPECIFICALLY ON CUP, EMBASSY CONTACTED DEL VILLAR A SECOND TIME IN APRIL AND WAS TOLD THAT DEL VILLAR HAD MENTIONED MATTER IN THE PRESIDENCY BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. DEL VILLAR AGREED TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

6. SINCE THE GODR HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN REDUCING OVERALL PL 480 ARREARAGE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS ALSO GOOD POSSIBILITY OF CLEARING UP CUP.

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